

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Secretary of the Commonwealth

OF

MASSACHUSETTS

FOR THE

Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1956



EDWARD J. CRONIN

Secretary of the Commonwealth



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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY, July 2, 1956.

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:—*

I have the honor to submit, in compliance with General Laws, Tercentenary Edition, Chapter 9, Section 17, as amended, the annual report of the transactions of this office for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1956. This report also includes the returns from cities and towns relative to action taken under certain provisions of the General Laws, and returns relative to the acceptance or rejection of certain Special Acts passed by the General Court, which returns were received during the fiscal year 1956.

Very truly yours,

EDWARD J. CRONIN,  
*Secretary of the Commonwealth.*

## LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

### 1956 SESSION OF THE GENERAL COURT

In previous reports I have included a brief summary of such legislation as was enacted during the next prior session of the General Court and was of particular application or interest to the administration of the office of the State Secretary.

During the 1956 session of the General Court there were several measures enacted which are of such general interest and a brief abstract of the same is contained in the following summary. Many matters were pending at the conclusion of the fiscal year, June 30, 1956, which may be acted upon before prorogation.

### ANNUAL PROCLAMATIONS OF THE GOVERNOR

The General Court by Chapter 106 of the Acts of 1955 provided for the annual proclamation of the fourth Sunday in May of each year as "Senior Citizens Day," for observance by the public in honoring the elder citizens of the commonwealth.

By Chapter 618 of the Acts of 1956 the legislature has provided for an annual proclamation setting aside the second Sunday in August as "Children's Day," and recommending that this day be set aside in recognition of our children.

### LAWS RELATIVE TO CORPORATIONS ENACTED IN 1956

*Chapter 390.* An Act Relative to the Filing of Annual Returns by Certain Corporations.

*This statute amends the 1955 act (Chapter 290 of 1955) requiring the paying of a fee of two dollars and the filing of annual certificates showing the name, location, date of last annual meeting and the names, addresses and terms of all officers by corporations organized under Chapter 180 of the General Laws, loosely called charitable corporations. The 1955 act was passed to assure a continuing record of such corporations. The 1955 act excluded churches and religious organizations only. The exclusion is extended by this act to non-profit schools and colleges, political organizations established prior to January 1, 1923 and charitable hospitals. This amendment is inserted as Section 26A of Chapter 180 of the General Laws.*

### 1956 STATUTES RELATIVE TO ELECTIONS

*Chapter 67.* Relative to the counting of Absent Voter ballots in cities and towns where voting machines are used.

*Provides that the city or town clerk shall turn over ballot envelopes unopened and the application of the voter to the election officers in the precincts wherein applicants assert their right to vote within one hour after the closing of the polls.*

*Chapter 74.* Relative to the nomination papers of candidates for Delegate to a National Convention and for State Committee.

*Allows the use of the eight-word statement on nomination papers by candidates for State Committee, delegate or alternate to national conventions.*

*Chapter 134.* Relative to holding sessions for registration of voters prior to a special election.

Clarifies the law and makes it uniform.

*This eliminates any contrary provision in any general or special laws.*

*Chapter 135.* Relative to the time of filing objections to nomination papers. Clarifies the law with regard to date of filing objections.

*This provides for filing objections with the state secretary or city or town clerks within 72, 48 or 24 hours after five o'clock of last day of filing.*

*Chapter 180.* Relative to the form of question to be used by cities and towns in placing provisions of the General Laws on the ballot for acceptance by the voters.

*This act prescribes the form of submission.*

*Chapter 230.* An act making the law relative to corrupt practices apply to all public elections (see printed title).

*This includes election of town officers in towns of less than 10,000 population.*

*Chapter 232.* Relative to the nomination of certain candidates at State Primaries.

*This prevents filing as a candidate of a major party and also as an independent candidate. Unless such a candidate elects. his name will not be printed on the ballot either way.*

## GENERAL LEGISLATION

### HOUSING OF ARCHIVES

This office has for several years advocated the appropriation of funds for the construction of a new building affording adequate space for the storage, protection and display of the invaluable archives of the Commonwealth. It is a pleasure to report that a measure recommending the appropriation of \$1,005,000 has been favorably reported in the legislature.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

As provided in General Laws, Chapter 31, Sections 32 and 33, each department head must file such recommendations as embrace legislative proposals through this office for transmission to the General Court on or before the first Wednesday of November of each calendar year. This department likewise must file such recommendations as require legislation on the same day. In compliance therewith, I shall file such recommendations and reasons in support thereof with the clerk of the House of Representatives on November 7, 1956.



REPORT OF ACTIVITIES IN DEPARTMENT  
OF  
THE SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH

Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1956

ACCOUNTS  
FINANCES OF DEPARTMENT

The subjoined financial statements set forth the receipts and disbursements of the Department of the State Secretary for the fiscal year 1955-1956.

It is worthy of note that the receipts of this office approximate one million dollars and exceed the disbursements by \$336,915.95.

This is so despite the fact that the expenses of the presidential primary of 1956 are included.

It is now firmly established that the office of the secretary of the commonwealth is more than self-supporting.

AUGUST 23, 1956.

To the Secretary of the Commonwealth:

The following table shows in detail receipts from fees, etc., for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1956, all of which were paid into the Treasury daily and quarterly reports thereof made to the Governor and Council as required by General Laws (Tercentenary Edition). Chapter 9, Section 1.

Commissions . . . . .		\$ 33,205 00
Corporations . . . . .		868,617 14
Limited Partnerships . . . . .		380 00
Trade Marks . . . . .		5,700 00
Sale of Books . . . . .		30,742 73
Certificates . . . . .		3,628 00
Military Records . . . . .		10 45
Copies—Archives . . . . .	\$ 3,645 35	
Corporations . . . . .	22,133 22	25,778 57
Advance Sheets . . . . .		3,190 00
Vital Statistics . . . . .		7,884 00
Trust Receipts . . . . .		9,285 00
Liens . . . . .		228 00
Declarations of Trust . . . . .		10,540 00
Miscellaneous . . . . .		407 00
		<u>\$999,595 89</u>

Financial Statement Verified  
Date: September 28, 1956  
Approved for Publishing, FRED A. MONCEWICZ, *Comptroller*.

## EXPENDITURES FISCAL YEAR 1956

0501-01 Secretary's Salary . . . . .	\$ 11,000 00
0501-02 Administration . . . . .	320,815 10
0501-03 Study and Disposition of Certain Documents . . . . .	4,982 94
0501-10 Decennial Census . . . . .	41,285 27
0502-01 Archives and Photostatic Copies . . . . .	4,996 90
0502-02 Journals of the House . . . . .	2,250 00
0503-01 Printing Acts and Resolves . . . . .	19,269 54
0503-02 Decisions of Supreme Court . . . . .	25,246 60
0503-03 Printing Public Documents . . . . .	9,077 38
0504-01 Primaries and Other Elections . . . . .	222,270 81
0505-01 Medical Examiners Fees . . . . .	1,485 50
Total . . . . .	<u>\$662,680 04</u>

Excess of Receipts over Expenditures \$336,915.85.



## ANNUAL REPORTS

On or before the first Wednesday of December in each fiscal year every state officer, department, board and commission which is required by law to file an annual report must deposit such report with the Secretary of the Commonwealth. The only exceptions are in the few cases where some other date is specifically provided by law for the filing of a report.

During 1955, pursuant to this requirement, the following officers, departments, boards and commissions filed annual reports on or before the first Wednesday of December, 1955:—

Department of the Secretary of the Commonwealth, 1955  
 Board of Registration in Veterinary Medicine, 1955  
 Directory of Labor Organizations (Department of Labor and Industries), 1955  
 Labor Relations Commission (Department of Labor and Industries), 1955  
 Department of Public Safety, 1955  
 Trustees, Belchertown State School, 1955  
 Department of Public Health, 1955  
 Department of the Attorney General, 1955

Subsequent to legal filing date, the following reports were received:—

Division of Occupational Hygiene (Department of Labor and Industries), 1954  
 Board of Registration in Chiropody (Podiatry), 1954  
 Board of Registration in Chiropody (Podiatry), 1955  
 Board of Registration in Optometry, 1955  
 State Examiners of Electricians, 1955  
 Trustees, Myles Standish State School, 1955  
 Department of Natural Resources, 1955  
 Appellate Tax Board, 1955  
 Trustees, Taunton State Hospital, 1955  
 Trustees, Grafton State Hospital, 1955  
 University of Massachusetts, 1955  
 Department of Correction (Statistical Report), 1954  
 Elections Statistics Report (Department of the Secretary of the Commonwealth), 1954  
 Elections Statistics Report (Department of the Secretary of the Commonwealth), 1955  
 Division of Banks and Loan Agencies, Section A, Co-operative Banks and Savings and Loan Agencies, 1955  
 Commission Against Discrimination, 1955  
 Purchasing Bureau (Commission on Administration and Finance), 1955  
 Department of Correction, 1953  
 Department of Correction, 1954  
 Division on the Necessaries of Life (Department of Labor and Industries), 1955  
 Division of Standards (Department of Labor and Industries), 1955  
 Outdoor Advertising Authority, 1955  
 Board of Dental Examiners, 1955  
 Trustees Northampton State Hospital, 1955  
 Port of Boston Commission, 1955  
 Department of the Auditor, 1955  
 Comptroller's Bureau (Commission on Administration and Finance), 1955  
 Judicial Council of Massachusetts, 1955  
 Commission on Interstate Cooperation, 1953 and 1954  
 Division of Library Extension (Department of Education), 1955  
 Finance Commission of the City of Boston, 1955  
 Trustees, Medfield State Hospital, 1954  
 Trustees, Medfield State Hospital, 1955  
 Trustees, Boston State Hospital, 1955  
 Trustees, Monson State Hospital, 1955  
 Department of Education, Part 1, 1955  
 Department of Education, Part 2, 1955

Trustees, Walter E. Fernald State School, 1955  
 Trustees, Westborough State Hospital, 1955  
 Trustees, Metropolitan State Hospital, 1955  
 Lowell Technological Institute for Academic Year 1954-1955  
 Division of Registration (Department of Civil Service and Registration), 1955  
 Board of Registration in Pharmacy, 1955  
 Report of Study by State Advisory Council of the Massachusetts Employment Security Law, 1955  
 State Racing Commission, 1955  
 Division of Banks and Loan Agencies, Section B, Credit Unions, 1955  
 Division of Statistics (Department of Labor and Industries), 1954  
 Division of Fisheries and Game, 1955  
 Metropolitan District Assessments (Treasurer and Receiver-General), 1955  
 Division of Industrial Safety (Department of Labor and Industries), 1955  
 State Reclamation Board (Department of Agriculture), 1955  
 Bureau of Loan Agencies (Division of Banks and Loan Agencies), 1955  
 Trustees, Foxborough State Hospital, 1954  
 Statistics of Municipal Finances (Department of Corporations and Taxation), 1953  
 Department of Mental Health, 1955  
 Vital Statistics of Massachusetts (Department of the Secretary of the Commonwealth), 1954  
 Department of the Treasurer and Receiver-General, 1955  
 Division of Insurance, Fire and Marine Business, Part 1, 1953  
 Division of Insurance, Life and Miscellaneous Business, Part 2, 1953  
 Division of Banks and Loan Agencies, Section D, Trust Companies and Certain Other Financial Institutions, 1955

#### ARCHIVES DIVISION

During the fiscal year ending June 30, 1956, there have been made 8 military certificates; 21 typewritten copies; 69,702 photostatic copies of legislative records, maps, plans, corporation records, and veterans' discharges.

Under General Laws, Chapter 127, Section 167, as amended, providing for the filing in the Secretary's Office of a statement by persons who represent petitioners for pardons, paroles, commutations, of or respites from sentences, 40 persons have so filed.

Under General Laws, Chapter 127, Section 152, as amended, providing for the filing of certified copies of petitions for pardons, paroles, and commutations of sentences, together with other documents pertaining thereto, 90 cases have been received and filed.

Under General Laws, Chapter 264, Section 14, providing for the taking of an oath by every person entering the service of the Commonwealth and the filing of such oath in the office of the Secretary, approximately 21,000 oaths have been received and filed.

At long last, after years of unceasing effort, it appears that the priceless historical records of the Commonwealth and the formative years of the Republic will be adequately housed and displayed.

Provision should be made to transfer these records, making such repairs and restorations as necessary. This will require an increased staff of competent workers.

#### CENSUS DIVISION

The population figures and enumeration of legal voters for counties, cities and towns were certified and published by the Secretary of the Commonwealth as the official figures of the Decennial Census of 1955, in accordance with Article LXXI of the Constitution and the General Laws of Massachusetts, Chapter 9, Section 7.

The pamphlet "The Decennial Census 1955" is now prepared with the exception of the additional tables; tables relating to age groups, by sex in the cities and towns, broken down by wards in cities and by precincts in precinct towns having 12,000 or more population; tables showing the employment status of persons 16 years of age and over, and tables with breakdown as to the wars served in by veterans resident in Massachusetts. These tables will be ready for distribution during the Autumn of 1956.

A recapitulation by age and sex has been completed. It is inserted here for convenient reference. It is of interest because it demonstrates the school problems which confront us in the younger groups of school and pre-school age. It likewise shows that while there are more females than males in the Commonwealth the males predominate in every group through fourteen years of age and the females in all age groups over fifteen years of age.

### RECAPITULATION

#### The State:

POPULATION, 4,837,645; MALES, 2,335,019; FEMALES, 2,502,626

AGE	MALES	FEMALES	TOTAL
0- 1	477,718	45,343	93,061
1- 2	47,723	46,311	94,034
2- 3	51,107	49,463	100,570
3- 4	48,896	47,202	96,098
4- 5	46,749	44,721	91,470
5- 6	46,078	44,627	90,705
6- 9	174,635	168,223	342,858
10-14	181,283	174,433	355,716
15-19	140,196	140,412	280,608
20-24	146,689	151,909	298,598
25-29	166,807	177,149	343,956
30-34	176,297	188,938	365,235
35-39	169,021	186,957	355,978
40-44	162,111	177,819	339,930
45-49	145,449	162,988	308,437
50-54	135,840	155,823	291,663
55-59	122,260	140,901	263,161
60-64	108,001	123,565	231,566
65-69	87,269	107,486	194,755
70 and over	130,890	168,356	299,246

### COMMISSIONS

The number of commissions issued during the year ending June 30, 1956 was 5,779, of which 856 were without fee and 103 became void by reason of the failure of the appointees to take out the commissions or to qualify thereunder.

The different classes were as follows:

Notaries Public	4,760
Justices of the Peace	135
Justices of the Peace designated to solemnize marriages	12
Justices of the Peace to issue warrants and take bail	5
Associate Justice, Supreme Judicial Court	1
Chief Justice, Superior Court	1
Associate Justice, Superior Court	2
Judge of Probate and Insolvency, Bristol County	1
Judge of Probate and Insolvency, Hampden County	1
Justice, Central District Court of Northern Essex	1
Justice, Third District Court of Eastern Middlesex	1
Justice, First District Court of Eastern Worcester	1
Special Justice, District Court of Western Hampden	1
District Attorney, Northern District	1
Sheriff, Bristol County	1
Sheriff, Plymouth County	1



Clerks, District Courts . . . . .	5
Masters in Chancery . . . . .	10
Public Administrators . . . . .	8
Medical Examiners . . . . .	10
Associate Medical Examiners . . . . .	18
Trustees, Miscellaneous Hospitals and Hospital Schools . . . . .	16
Trustees, Mental Hospitals and Schools . . . . .	18
Trustees, County Agricultural Schools . . . . .	3
Trustees, Soldiers' Homes . . . . .	2
Trustees, Miscellaneous Schools . . . . .	22
Members, Boards of Registration . . . . .	23
Members, Reservation Commissions . . . . .	4
Members, Miscellaneous Boards and Commissions, etc. . . . .	135
Public Warehouse Licenses . . . . .	27
Commissioners to Qualify Public Officers . . . . .	4
Special State Police Officers . . . . .	84
Commissions issued to non-resident clergymen . . . . .	461
Commissioner of Deeds, resident in Foreign Country . . . . .	1
Commissioner of Deeds, resident in other States . . . . .	1
Member, Executive Council, Fifth District . . . . .	1
Member, Executive Council, Sixth District . . . . .	1
	<hr/> 5,779

Certificates to the number of 10,689 were issued, of which 3,516 were for certificates for which no fees are charged. Forty-one persons re-registered as required under the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 30, Section 7B; and eight persons paid penalty fees as required under the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 30, Section 13.

#### CORPORATION DIVISION

The total number of certificates of incorporation issued under General Laws to new corporations for the fiscal year ending June 29, 1956, was 4,589. Said certificates of incorporation are classified as follows:

Business . . . . .	4,192
Religious, charitable, social, etc. . . . .	361
Fraternal beneficiary . . . . .	15
Church . . . . .	14
Credit union . . . . .	6
Insurance . . . . .	1

The number of certificates of every description filed was 48,346. Said certificates are classified as follows:

Articles of organization of the nine classes of corporations mentioned above . . . . .	4,589
Certificates of organization of cemetery corporations . . . . .	5
Business issues . . . . .	787
Business increases . . . . .	368
Business reductions . . . . .	110
Business amendments . . . . .	862
Non-business changes of name . . . . .	71
Religious, charitable, social etc. amendments . . . . .	21
Fraternal beneficiary amendments . . . . .	8
Gas and electric company increases . . . . .	6
Gas and electric company payment of capital . . . . .	1
Gas and electric company amendments . . . . .	2
Trust company increases . . . . .	5
Trust company amendments . . . . .	2
Insurance company increases . . . . .	3
Insurance company amendments . . . . .	5
Business consolidations . . . . .	33
Business mergers . . . . .	8

Conditions . . . . .	32,929
Social and athletic corporation reports . . . . .	3,746
Foreign increases . . . . .	20
Foreign reductions . . . . .	57
Foreign powers of attorney by person or partnership . . . . .	8
Trust receipt financing statements . . . . .	3,099
Liens . . . . .	76
Voluntary association trust reports . . . . .	1,058
Trade marks . . . . .	207
Assignments of trade marks . . . . .	24
Insignia . . . . .	1
Limited partnerships . . . . .	38
Gas and electric company approvals of issue, etc. . . . .	16
Railroad and street railway approvals of issue, etc. . . . .	4
Contracts of railroad and street railway companies . . . . .	2
Certificates of clerks of various courts relative to dissolution of corporations (covering 1,152 corporations) . . . . .	12
Petition for surrender of charter and dissolution . . . . .	1
Certificates of revival of corporations . . . . .	108
Certificates of consent to change of location of social and athletic corporations . . . . .	50
Special act creating corporation . . . . .	1
Certificate relative to adoption of Act . . . . .	3
Non-business charter declared void . . . . .	1
Non-business charters withheld . . . . .	6
Non-business applications for incorporation withdrawn . . . . .	8
Certified copies supplied . . . . .	6,971
Special certificates supplied . . . . .	967

## EXECUTIVE AND ADMINISTRATIVE ORDERS ISSUED BY HIS EXCELLENCY, THE GOVERNOR, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR 1955-1956

During the year from July 1, 1955 to and through June 30, 1956 there were three (3) Executive Orders and no Administrative Orders issued by Governor Herter, the original copies of which are on file in the Archives.

The subject matter thereof is briefly summarized here for convenient reference.

### EXECUTIVE ORDERS ISSUED DURING 1955-56

No.	DATE ISSUED	SUBJECT
29	Aug. 19, 1955	Authorization for the Director of the Division of Food and Drugs of the Department of Public Health to seize and distribute stocks of dry ice.
30	Aug. 23, 1955	Re-issuance without payments of fees of licenses, permits, and certificates of registration that were lost as a result of the floods of August 19, 1955, and thereafter.
31	Feb. 21, 1956	Evacuation of probable target areas in event of impending enemy attack and signals, regulations, and plans pertaining thereto.

### ADMINISTRATIVE ORDERS

There were no Administrative Orders issued during the fiscal year 1955-56.

### PARDONS, COMMUTATIONS, RESPITES, REQUISITIONS, ETC.

The number of pardons issued during the year was 60; of which 49 were full and complete; 2 conditional; 3 commutations; 1 remander; 3 respites; 2 conditional discharges from the Bridgewater State Hospital.

There were 95 requisitions issued: of which 79 were upon other States; 11 upon the Secretary of Defense of the United States of America; 1 upon the Secretary of the Air Force of the United States of America; 2 upon the Secretary of the Navy of the United States of America; 2 upon the Chief Justice of the District Court of the United States of America.

There were 16 warrants issued upon requisitions from other States.

### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL AND AGENTS' EXPENSES

#### 1956 SESSION

Since the 1956 session of the General Court was not concluded on or prior to June 30, 1956, the reports of the expenses of legislative counsel and legislative agents required under chapter 3, General Laws, have not been filed at this office nor will they be filed until after the prorogation of the 1956 session. They will accordingly be incorporated in the annual report for the fiscal year 1956-1957.

### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL AND AGENTS' EXPENSES

#### 1955 SESSION OF GENERAL COURT

In compliance with General Laws (Tercentenary Edition), Chapter 3, Sections 39 to 50 inclusive, relating to the filing of legislative counsel and agents' expenses incurred or paid in connection with promoting or opposing legislation there were during or following the 1955 session of the General Court 298 entries made in the dockets, a decrease of 11 compared with 1954. Returns for the 1955 session were not received until after the close of the session and the close of the Fiscal Year 1954-1955.



Returns covering 295 entries were received from persons, associations or corporations employing legislative counsel or agents. Three employers who failed to file returns within the time prescribed by law have been reported to the Attorney General.

The total amount reported as paid to legislative counsel or agents, \$330,787.02. Of this amount \$63,371.74 represents annual salaries or retainers of regular employees apportioned and \$40,790.00 unapportioned, and \$226,625.28 payments in connection with legislation only. Twelve employers stated that they paid nothing.

### PROCLAMATIONS

The proclamations of His Excellency the Governor were printed and distributed under the direction of this office. For the observance of each of the following, 10,500 copies were distributed to churches, schools, institutions, patriotic societies, postmasters and city and town clerks:—Commodore John Barry Day, September 13, 1955; Constitution Day, September 17, 1955; Pulaski Day, October 11, 1955; United Nations Day, October 24, 1955; American Education Week, November 6–12, 1955; Veterans Day, November 11, 1955; Thanksgiving Day, November 24, 1955; Disabled American Veterans' Hospital Day, December 4, 1955; Civil Rights Week, December 8–15, 1955; Army and Navy Union Day, December 10, 1955; New Orleans Day, January 8, 1956; Lincoln Day, February 12, 1956; Spanish War Memorial Day and Maine Memorial Day, February 15, 1956; Washington Day, February 22, 1956; One Hundred and Eighty-sixth Anniversary of the Boston Massacre, March 5, 1956; Peter Francisco Day, March 15, 1956; Evacuation Day, March 17, 1956; Patriots' Day, April 19, 1956; Loyalty Day, May 1, 1956; Polish Constitution Day, May 3, 1956; Mothers' Day, May 13, 1956; La Fayette Day, May 20, 1956; Memorial Day, May 30, 1956; Flag Day, June 14, 1956; Fathers' Day, June 17, 1956 and Bunker Hill Day, June 17, 1956. August 7, 1955 was designated as Purple Heart Day, August 12, 1955 was set apart as Indian Day and July 30, 1955 was proclaimed as Veteran Firemen's Muster Day and 6,500 copies of each proclamation were distributed to churches, institutions, patriotic societies, postmasters and city and town clerks. For the observance of Arbor and Bird Day, April 27, 1956, 10,500 copies of the Governor's proclamation were mailed to churches, schools, granges, agricultural societies, institutions, postmasters and city and town clerks.

Fire Prevention Week was designated to include the week of October 9–15, 1955 and 6,650 copies of the Governor's proclamation were distributed to the fire chiefs of the Commonwealth for churches, schools and post offices.

March 9, 1956 was set apart by His Excellency the Governor as Student Government Day, and 5,500 copies of the Governor's proclamation were printed and distributed to the schools.

### EMERGENCY PROCLAMATIONS

A proclamation was issued by His Excellency the Governor on August 19, 1955 under the provisions of Chapter 639 of the Acts of 1950, and all acts in amendment thereof, proclaiming that a State of Emergency existed in the Commonwealth by reason of great harm and damage, resulting from the torrential rains, floods and wind in Worcester, Franklin, Berkshire, Hampshire and Hampden Counties, and authorizing the Civil Defense Agency and the director thereof to take all steps and do all such things as the Governor might personally do if present, by virtue of said Chapter 639 to combat such emergency and the effects thereof.

On August 25, 1955 a proclamation was issued by His Excellency the Governor under the provisions of Chapter 639 of the Acts of 1950, and all acts in amendment thereof, proclaiming that a State of Emergency existed in the Commonwealth, as it appeared that the harm and damage resulting from rains, floods and wind that existed in the counties of Worcester, Franklin, Berkshire, Hampshire and Hampden

had extended to other areas of the Commonwealth, and authorizing the Civil Defense Agency and the director thereof to take all steps and do all such things as the Governor might personally do if present, by virtue of said Chapter 639 to combat such emergency and the effects thereof.

A proclamation was issued by His Honor the Lieutenant Governor, Acting Governor, on October 21, 1955 under the provisions of Chapter 639 of the Acts of 1950, and all acts in amendment thereof, proclaiming that a State of Emergency existed in the Commonwealth by reason of great harm and damage, resulting from the torrential rains and floods during October in this Commonwealth.

On November 21, 1955 a proclamation was issued by His Excellency the Governor, stating that the Commissioner of Correction had notified him that the buildings at Walpole and Norfolk constructed for a State Prison would be ready for occupancy on and after November 28, 1955 and that such State Prison would be designated "Massachusetts Correctional Institution, Walpole" as provided by Section 11 of Chapter 770, Acts of 1955. One thousand copies of said proclamation were printed and distributed to the justices of the superior and supreme judicial courts, clerks of court, justices and associate justices and clerks of municipal and district courts and city and town clerks.

A proclamation was issued by His Excellency the Governor on May 8, 1956 proclaiming that the State of Emergency declared by him on August 19, 1955, the State of Emergency declared by him on August 25, 1955, and State of Emergency declared by him on October 21, 1955 and the State of Emergency declared by him in Executive Order No. 29, dated August 15, 1955, because of floods throughout the Commonwealth were terminated as of the date of said proclamation.

#### PROCLAMATIONS NOT REQUIRED BY STATUTE

One hundred and seven (107) proclamations were issued by His Excellency the Governor to the press and filed in the Archives, as follows:—Massachusetts Farm Safety Week, July 24–30, 1955; Vegetable Week, July 28–August 6, 1955; International Typographical Union Week, August 13–19, 1955; "Jimmy" Time, September 1–15, 1955; Union Label Week, September 5–11, 1955; Massachusetts Conference on Education, September 8, 9 and 10, 1955; National Home Week, September 10–18, 1955; Muscular Dystrophy Week, September 12–19, 1955; Citizenship Day, September 17, 1955; I am an American Day, September 18, 1955; Amalgamated Lithographers Week, September 18–25, 1955; National Business Women's Week, September 25–October 1, 1955; Cranberry Time, the month of October, 1955; Eye Research Month, the month of October, 1955; Massachusetts Heritage Month, the month of October, 1955; Restaurant Month, the month of October, 1955; National Employ the Physically Handicapped Week, October 2–8, 1955; Photography Week, October 2–8, 1955; National Letter Writing Week, October 2–8, 1955; Massachusetts Fish Week, October 3–8, 1955; Emergencies Don't Wait Week, October 8–14, 1955; Oil Progress Week, October 9–15, 1955; Columbus Day, October 12, 1955; Credit Union Day, October 20, 1955; Massachusetts Apple Week, October 20–29, 1955; Religion in American Life Month, the month of November, 1955; Truck Transportation Week, November 21–27, 1955; South Boston Citizens' Association Day, November 23, 1955; Toys for Tots, the period of November 25–December 10, 1955; Safe Driving Day, December 1, 1955; Pearl Harbor Day, December 7, 1955; Year of the Informed Voter, the year of 1956; Diamond Jubilee of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, the year of 1956; Woodrow Wilson Centennial Year, the year of 1956; Red Cross 75th Anniversary Year, the year of 1956; March of Dimes Month, the month of January, 1956; Big Brother Week, January 8–15, 1956; Massachusetts "Blue Crutch" Days, January 13 and 14, 1956; Jaycee Week, January 14–21, 1956; Printing and Publishing Week, January 15–21, 1956; National Thrift Week, January 17–23, 1956; "Guards Up" Week, January 20–30, 1956; Ukrainian Independence Day, January 22, 1956; YMCA Week, January 22–29, 1956; Greek Letters Week, January 22–29, 1956; Junior Achievement Week, January 29–February 4, 1956; American Heart Month, the month of February, 1956; American History Month, the month of February,



1956; Freedom Month, the month of February, 1956; Vocational Guidance Day, February 3, 1956; National Children's Dental Health Week, February 5-11, 1956; Boy Scout Week, February 6-12, 1956; Multiple Sclerosis Month, February 10-March 10, 1956; National Beauty Salon Week, February 12-18, 1956; Negro History Week, February 12-19, 1956; Republic of Lithuania Day in Massachusetts, February 16, 1956; World Day of Prayer, February 17, 1956; Engineers' Week, February 19-25, 1956; National Advertising Week, February 19-25, 1956; Brotherhood Week, February 19-25, 1956; Blood Donor Day, February 22, 1956; National Guard Muster Day, February 22, 1956; Red Cross Month, March 1-31, 1956; Easter Seal Month for Crippled Children and Adults, March 1-April 1, 1956; Presidents' Day, March 5, 1956; ORT Day, March 6, 1956; Realtor Week, March 11-17, 1956; Girl Scout Week, March 11-17, 1956; Camp Fire Girls Birthday Week, March 11-18, 1956; National Opera Week, March 11-18, 1956; World Jewish Child's Day, March 18, 1956; National Wildlife Week in Massachusetts, March 18-24, 1956; Veterans of Foreign Wars, Commander-in-chief Week, March 18-24, 1956; Greek Independence Day, March 25, 1956; Cancer Control Month, the month of April, 1956; Boys' Club Week, April 2-8, 1956; Bataan Day, April 9, 1956; Israel Anniversary Week, April 13-20, 1956; Pan American Day, April 14, 1956 and Pan American Week, April 9-15, 1956; Equal Job Opportunity Week, April 15-21, 1956; Apprenticeship Week, April 22-28, 1956; Medical Education Week, April 22-28, 1956; Chemical Progress Week, April 23-28, 1956; Social Hygiene Day, April 25, 1956; Cerebral Palsy Month, the month of May, 1956; Mental Health Month, the month of May, 1956; Elks Youth Day, May 1, 1956; Humane Sunday, May 6, 1956 and Be Kind to Animals Week, May 6-12, 1956; National Hospital Week, May 6-12, 1956; Audubon Week, May 6-12, 1956; Senior Citizens Week, the week beginning May 6, 1956; Music Week, May 6-13, 1956; National Radio Week, May 13-19, 1956; Letters from America Week, May 14-20, 1956; Armed Forces Day, May 19, 1956; Women Veterans Day, May 20, 1956; Salvation Army Week, May 20-27, 1956; National Maritime Day, May 22, 1956; June Dairy Month, the month of June, 1956 and Boston Common Dairy Festival, June 2-9, 1956; United States Olympic Team Month, the month of June, 1956; UAW Twentieth Anniversary Week, June 2-6, 1956; Vermont Day, June 5, 1956; National Golf Day, June 9, 1956; Firemen's Memorial Sunday, June 10, 1956; Fraternal Week, June 10-16, 1956; Baltic States Freedom Day, June 15, 1956; Food and Drug Law Golden Anniversary Week, June 24-July 1, 1956.

#### PUBLIC DOCUMENT DIVISION

During the fiscal year 1956, the following publications were received for distribution through the Public Document Division. *Reports*: 30,589 copies of the Public Document Series, representing twenty-seven reports of the several state departments, boards and commissions. *Laws*: 10,095 copies of the 1955 pamphlet edition of the Acts and Resolves; 5,076 copies of the General Laws Relating to Insurance, Chapters 174A, 175, 175A, 175B, 176, 176A, 176B and 176D, as amended to the close of 1954; 5,512 copies of the General Laws Relating to Primaries, Caucuses and Elections, 1955. *Veterans Proceedings*: 1,033 copies of the Proceedings of the Thirty-sixth Annual Convention, The American Legion, Department of Massachusetts, 1954; 760 copies of the Proceedings of the Thirty-fourth Annual Encampment, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Department of Massachusetts, 1954; 768 copies of the Proceedings of the Thirty-fifth Annual Encampment, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Department of Massachusetts, 1955; 589 copies of the Proceedings of the Thirty-third Annual Convention, Disabled American Veterans of the World War, Department of Massachusetts, 1954; 500 copies of the Proceedings of the Nineteenth Annual Convention, Italian-American World War Veterans of the United States, Inc., Department of Massachusetts, 1954; 629 copies of the Proceedings of the Twenty-fourth Annual Convention, The Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America, Department of Massachusetts, 1954; 615 copies of the Proceedings of the Twenty-fifth Annual Convention, The Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America, Department of Massachusetts, 1955; 604 copies of the Tenth Annual Convention, American Veterans of World War II, Department

of Massachusetts, 1954. *Journals and Manuals*: 600 copies each of the Journals of the Senate and House of Representatives, 1955, total 1,200 copies (from the Sergeant-at-Arms); 300 copies of the Journals of the House of Representatives, Volume 29, 1753-54; 2,665 copies of the Civil Service Manual for the Instruction of Applicants for Examinations for the Police Services, 1955-C Edition; 3,500 copies of the Civil Service Manual for the Instruction of Applicants for Examinations for the Police Services, 1956 Edition; 2,677 copies of the Civil Service Fire Manual for the Instruction of Applicants for Entrance Examinations in the Fire Service in Cities and Towns, 1955-A Edition; 2,558 copies of the Civil Service Manual for the Instruction of Applicants for Entrance or Promotional Examinations in the Fire Service in Cities and Towns, 1955; 3,560 copies of the Civil Service Manual for the Instruction of Applicants for Entrance or Promotional Examinations in the Fire Service in Cities and Towns, 1956; 1,542 copies of the Civil Service Manual for the Instruction of Applicants for the Meter-Reading and Water Inspection Service in Cities and Towns, 1955. *Massachusetts Reports*: 475 copies of Volume 331, Massachusetts Reports; 475 copies of Volume 332, Massachusetts Reports. *Miscellaneous*: 5,035 copies of a Directory of Massachusetts Manufacturers, employing eight or more people, 1955; 4,567 copies of the Buyers' Guide of Massachusetts Manufacturers, 1956; 2,420 copies of Elevator and Escalator Regulations, ELV-2, 1955; making a grand total of 87,744 copies.

The sale of surplus volumes on hand of the Massachusetts Reports, Volumes Nos. 245 to 319, inclusive, as authorized by Chapter 57, Resolves of 1950, commenced on January 1, 1951. Of the approximate number of copies available for sale at that time, namely 90,000 copies, about 1,542 copies were sold during this fiscal year.

## PUBLIC RECORDS DIVISION

The Supervisor of Public Records again reports that many problems in the records field encountered by Record Custodians remain unanswered. This division is unable to spend the time required in the cities and towns because of a lack of personnel.

On the state level some progress has been made in creating interest in the subject matter of Chapter 104 of the Resolves of 1955. Several meetings with the leaders in the record keeping and record making field were held and a report is soon to be released for action by the legislature in the coming year.

### *Standard Record Ink*

In accordance with General Laws (Ter. Ed.), Chapter 66, Section 2, this department furnishes approved standard record ink for use on public records in the several departments and offices of the Commonwealth and of the counties, cities and towns, in which such records are kept. Ink supplied to the departments and offices of the Commonwealth is paid for by this department; ink supplied to the counties, cities and towns is paid for by the individual county, city or town. Offices in and near the State House may obtain ink at Room 252, State House. This will result in a saving on delivery charges and faster and more efficient distribution.

Violations of Section 4 of Chapter 66, which forbids the use on public records of other than approved standard record ink have been observed. This division has notified all offenders as to the provisions of said Section 4.

### *Repairing and Binding*

In keeping with the policy of doing some binding in the Department each year several volumes have been repaired and rebound in the Archives, Vital Statistics and Corporation Divisions. More volumes of the Massachusetts archives will be bound, subject to the amount appropriated.

Recommendations for repairing and binding of public records have been made to the proper persons.

### *Carbon Paper*

Copies of the list of the brand names of approved carbon papers, the use of which is authorized by Chapter 310 of the Acts of 1950, are available at this office.

### *Typewriter Ribbons*

Copies of the list of approved typewriter ribbons are available at this office wherein the approved typewriter ribbons are identified as having successfully passed the Fade-O-Meter test.

### *Stamp Pads and Stamp Pad Inks*

Copies of the up-to-date list of approved brands of stamp pads and stamp pad inks are available at this office.

Purchasing agents and other interested persons of the various State departments, cities and towns have been supplied with copies of the above mentioned lists.

### *Safes and Vaults*

This division has available for distribution on request specifications for the construction of fire-proof safes and vaults based on recommendations proposed by the National Fire Protection Association. All improvements to present installations must be completed according to the standards required for new construction.

In several instances new vaults have been recommended to replace antiquated safes.

Installations of new doors replacing older types have been observed.

## REFERENDA

There were no initiative or referendum petitions filed during the fiscal year 1955-1956 nor were any legislative proposed constitutional amendments advanced for submission to the people by the General Court.

## RULES AND REGULATIONS OF STATE DEPARTMENTS

By General Laws (Tercentenary Edition), Chapter 30, Section 37, as amended by Chapter 556 of the Acts of 1951 and Chapter 30A, Section 2, inserted by Section 1 of Chapter 681 of the Acts of 1954, certain rules and regulations of departments, commissions, boards or officials vested by law with the power to make and issue rules and regulations general in scope, or to be observed or performed under penalty for the violation thereof, shall not take effect until attested copies thereof have been filed with the Secretary of the Commonwealth. Under this law, additional rules and regulations were filed by the following departments and commissions during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1956: Department of Banking and Insurance, Department of Civil Service and Registration, Department of Education, Department of Labor and Industries, Department of Natural Resources, Department of Public Health, Department of Public Safety, Department of Public Utilities, Department of Public Works, Division of Employment Security, Division of Fisheries and Game, The Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission, Commission on Administration and Finance, Massachusetts Aeronautics Commission, Milk Control Commission and State Racing Commission. Changes as are indicated by the reports here listed as filed between July 1, 1955 and June 30, 1956. The full list on file to June 30, 1956 is as follows:



## RULES AND REGULATIONS

### DEPARTMENTS WHICH HAVE FILED RULES AND REGULATIONS IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

PRIOR TO JULY 1, 1956

1. Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission
2. Appellate Tax Board
3. Commission on Administration and Finance
4. Department of Agriculture
  - Agricultural Experiment Station, Massachusetts State College
  - Division of Livestock Disease Control
  - Milk Regulation Board
5. Department of Banking and Insurance
  - Division of Loan Agencies
  - Division of Co-operative Banks
  - Division of Insurance
6. Department of Civil Service and Registration
  - Board of Registration of Barbers
  - Board of Registration in Chiropody (Podiatry)
  - Board of Dental Examiners
  - State Examiners of Electricians
  - Board of Registration in Embalming and Funeral Directing
  - Board of Registration in Hairdressers
  - Board of Registration in Medicine
  - Board of Registration in Optometry
  - Board of Registration in Pharmacy
  - Board of State Examiners of Plumbers
  - Board of Registration in Veterinary Medicine
7. Department of Education
8. Department of Labor and Industries
  - Division of Minimum Wage
  - Minimum Wage Commission
  - Division of Standards and Necessaries of Life
9. Department of Natural Resources
  - Division of Fisheries and Game
10. Department of Public Health
11. Department of Public Safety
  - State Fire Marshal
  - Board of Boiler Rules
  - State Boxing Commission
  - Board of Elevator Regulations
12. Department of Public Utilities
13. Department of Public Welfare
14. Department of Public Works
  - Bureau of Public Works Airport Management
  - Registry of Motor Vehicles
15. Department of the Adjutant General
16. Division of Employment Security
  - Board of Review
17. Hurricane Relief Board
18. Licensing Board for the City of Boston
19. Massachusetts Aeronautics Commission
  - Massachusetts State Airport Management Board
20. Metropolitan District Commission



21. Milk Control Commission
22. Outdoor Advertising Authority
23. Sergeant-at-Arms
24. State Racing Commission

Chapter 30A of the General Laws inserted by Chapter 681 of the Acts of 1954 requires that all regulations issued by agencies of the Commonwealth be filed in the office of the state secretary and requires the secretary to report the failure of any agency to file such regulations to the governor and council and as part of his regular annual report to the general court. Under this statute the only agencies which have filed rules and regulations in compliance therewith are listed in the following paragraph. However, it is noted that rules and regulations have been filed by 24 several agencies under the provision of Sections 37 and 37A of Chapter 30 of the General Laws.

The following state departments, board and commissions filed rules and regulations under the provisions of Section 6 of Chapter 30A of the General Laws, inserted by Section 1 of Chapter 681 of the Acts of 1954:—

Commission against Discrimination,  
 Commissioner of Banks,  
 Contributory Retirement Appeal Board,  
 Department of Corporations and Taxation,  
     Income Tax Division,  
 Department of Labor and Industries,  
 Department of Natural Resources,  
 Department of Public Utilities,  
 Department of Public Welfare,  
 Division of Employment Security,  
 Division of Fisheries and Game and  
 State Employees Group Insurance Commission.

#### VITAL STATISTICS DIVISION

Under the provisions of General Laws (Tercentenary Edition), Chapter 46, Section 17, returns of births, marriages and deaths from 351 cities and towns and births and deaths from the State Infirmary at Tewksbury for the year 1955 were received and total 112,345 births and 37,079 marriages, an increase of 4,112 births and an increase of 1,766 marriages, as compared with the returns of 1954.

Under the provisions of the same statute 53,025 certified copies of deaths were received, an increase of 1,117, as compared with the records of 1954.

Medical Examiners' returns for 1955 cover 12,828, an increase of 267, as compared with returns for 1954.

Returns by Clerks of Courts and Registers of Probate of the decrees of divorce granted during 1955 number 5,786, a decrease of 41, as compared with the returns of 1954.

From July 1, 1955 to June 30, 1956, 10,859 certificates of births, 1,886 certificates of marriages and 2,762 certificates of deaths were issued, a total of 15,407 certified copies. Besides these 5,872 were certified abstracts given the Soldiers' Relief and United States Government war claims without fee.

In addition to the above, 3,972 records were verified for various government agencies.

The demand for records for military purposes, social security, aid and relief, school and other purposes still continues.

There were 48,635 requests for records during this period.

A total of \$8,969.50 was received by this Division during this fiscal period. Of this amount \$7,753.50 was for certified copies of births, marriages and death records; \$173.50 for certificating of exact copies of records and for exemplified statements; and \$1,042.50 was refunded to the remitters because excessive amounts were sent in or the requested service could not be rendered. 18,088 card abstracts of birth records for school, employment, enlistment, welfare and civil service purposes were issued without charge.

There were 6,941 references of records of marriages and deaths issued without fee for welfare, old age assistance, employment and insurance purposes.

There were 6,792 delayed records of birth and corrections of birth records, 412 corrections of marriages and 103 corrections of death records.

Returns of 3,333 names changed in 1955 as decreed by the courts were received and filed in compliance with the requirements of General Laws, Chapter 210, Section 12.

Vital records are kept on a calendar year basis, not on the fiscal standard.

THE FOLLOWING ARE THE  
RETURNS FROM CITIES AND TOWNS RELATIVE TO ACTION  
TAKEN UNDER CERTAIN PROVISIONS  
OF THE GENERAL LAWS

ALSO

RETURNS RELATIVE TO THE ACCEPTANCE OR REJECTION  
OF CERTAIN SPECIAL ACTS PASSED BY  
THE GENERAL COURT

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RETURNS RELATIVE TO THE ACCEPTANCE OR REJECTION OF CERTAIN SPECIAL ACTS PASSED BY THE GENERAL COURT

WHEN RECEIVED	FROM WHOM RECEIVED	TITLE OF ACT	DATE OF ACTION	VOTE	
				Yes	No
1955					
July 1	City Clerk, Boston	An Act authorizing the school committee of the city of Boston to increase the annual appropriation to defray certain traveling and other necessary expenses (1955, 236)	June 28, 1955	-1	-
July 1	City Clerk, Boston	An Act relative to the effective date for increasing the amounts retained for the teachers' retirement fund in the city of Boston from the salaries of members (1955, 396)	June 28, 1955	-1	-
July 14	City Clerk, Boston	An Act authorizing the county of Suffolk to pay a pension to William J. Brickley (1955, 517)	July 12, 1955	-1	-
July 23	Town Clerk, Wilmington	An Act relative to the expenditure by the town of Wilmington for constructing an athletic field of any surplus proceeds of the bond issue for school purposes of said town (1955, 398)	June 29, 1955	-2	-
July 27	City Clerk, Boston	An Act relative to the removal of vehicles parked or standing in violation of law on public ways in the downtown area of the city of Boston (1955, 315)	July 26, 1955	-1	-
Aug. 9	City Clerk, Boston	An Act authorizing the city of Boston to sell a certain parcel of land to Congregation Adath Israel of Boston (1954, 228)	July 26, 1955	-1	-
Aug. 15	Town Clerk, Wellesley	An Act authorizing the town of Wellesley to reconvey land taken for park and playground purposes (1955, 181)	Aug. 2, 1955	-1	-
Aug. 23	City Clerk, Springfield	An Act providing for an investigation and study relative to the establishment of a market authority in the city of Springfield (1955, 303)	Mar. 29, 1955	-3	-
Aug. 24	City Clerk, Holyoke	An Act authorizing off-street parking facilities in the city of Holyoke (1955, 663)	July 25, 1955	-4	-
Sept. 1	City Clerk, Boston	An Act providing for the acquisition by the commonwealth of a certain parcel of land on Neptune Road in the East Boston District (1955, 438)	Aug. 18, 1955	-5	-
Sept. 1	City Clerk, Boston	An Act increasing pensions payable under the permanent school pension fund in the city of Boston and equalizing pensions paid thereunder (1955, 594)	Aug. 31, 1955	-1	-
Sept. 13	City Clerk, Boston	An Act relative to sick leave for certain police officers of the city of Boston (1955, 437)	Aug. 31, 1955	-1	-
Sept. 13	Chairman, Hampshire County Commissioners	An Act to provide adequate elevator accommodations and facilities for the courthouse at Northampton (1955, 394)	Sept. 12, 1955	-1	-
Sept. 13	City Clerk, Gloucester	An Act designating the traffic circle in Gloucester on Route 128 as the Chester H. Grant Memorial Circle (1955, 608)	Sept. 2, 1955	-6	-
Sept. 16	Dep. Assistant Clerk, Essex County Commissioners	An Act providing for the installation of an elevator in the superior court building at Lawrence (1955, 287)	Aug. 4, 1955	-4	-
Sept. 19	City Clerk, Worcester	An Act relative to the retirement rights of George E. Mulr, a former employee of the city of Worcester (1955, 691)	Sept. 13, 1955	-7	-
Sept. 21	City Clerk, Pittsfield	An Act authorizing off-street parking facilities in the city of Pittsfield (1955, 694)	Sept. 13, 1955	-4	-
Oct. 10	City Clerk, Medford	An Act relative to increasing the amounts of pensions, retirement allowances and annuities payable to certain former public employees (1955, 670)	Sept. 15, 1955	-1	-
Oct. 26	City Clerk, Northampton	An Act establishing a department of engineering and board of engineering in the city of Northampton (1955, 650)	Oct. 4, 1955	-4	-
Oct. 31	City Clerk, Worcester	An Act authorizing the city of Worcester to grant to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts a certain easement in Green Hill Park in said city (1955, 761)	Oct. 20, 1955	-4	-
Oct. 31	City Clerk, Chelsea	An Act relative to increasing the amounts of pensions, retirement allowances and annuities payable to certain former public employees (1955, 670)	Oct. 25, 1955	-4	-
Oct. 31	City Clerk, Revere	An Act relative to increasing the amounts of pensions, retirement allowances and annuities payable to certain former public employees (1955, 670)	Oct. 10, 1955	-5	-
			Oct. 24, 1955	-4	-



Nov. 2	City Clerk, Brockton	An Act relative to increasing the amounts of pensions, retirement allowances and annuities payable to certain former public employees (1955, 670)	Oct. 28, 1955	- <sup>1</sup>	-
Nov. 2	Town Clerk, Westwood	An Act authorizing the town of Westwood to construct and operate a system of sewers and drains (1955, 380)	June 27, 1955	- <sup>1</sup>	-
Nov. 4	City Clerk, Springfield	An Act to authorize establishment of off-street parking facilities in the city of Springfield (1955, 486)	Oct. 31, 1955	- <sup>1</sup>	-
Nov. 16	City Clerk, Springfield	An Act relative to the retirement for accidental disability of John F. Stack, a former employee of the city of Springfield (1955, 576)	Nov. 14, 1955	- <sup>1</sup>	-
Nov. 17	Clerk, Plymouth County Commissioners	An Act relative to increasing the amounts of pensions, retirement allowances and annuities payable to certain former public employees (1955, 670)	Nov. 16, 1955	- <sup>9</sup>	-
Dec. 1	Assistant Clerk, County Commissioners, Bristol County	An Act relative to increasing the amounts of pensions, retirement allowances and annuities payable to certain former public employees (1955, 670)	Nov. 29, 1955	- <sup>10</sup>	-
Dec. 1	City Clerk, Cambridge	An Act relative to increasing the amounts of pensions, retirement allowances and annuities payable to certain former public employees (1955, 670)	Nov. 28, 1955	- <sup>1</sup>	-
Dec. 6	City Clerk, Brockton	An Act relative to increasing the amounts of pensions, retirement allowances and annuities payable to certain former public employees (1955, 670)	Dec. 1, 1955	- <sup>1</sup>	-
Dec. 8	City Clerk, Northampton	An Act authorizing the school committee of the city of Northampton to fix the compensation of the superintendent of schools and the secretary of the school committee (1954, 86)	Nov. 8, 1955	4,350	3,445
Dec. 8	City Clerk, Northampton	An Act providing for a unicameral city council in the city of Northampton (1954, 123)	Nov. 8, 1955	6,135	1,896
Dec. 8	City Clerk, Holyoke	An Act relative to increasing the amounts of pensions, retirement allowances and annuities payable to certain former public employees (1955, 670)	Dec. 6, 1955	- <sup>5</sup>	-
Dec. 13	County Commissioners, Franklin County	An Act relative to increasing the amounts of pensions, retirement allowances and annuities payable to certain former public employees (1955, 670)	Dec. 7, 1955	- <sup>11</sup>	-
Dec. 13	City Clerk, Northampton	An Act relative to establishing a memorial to Calvin Coolidge in the Forbes library in the city of Northampton (1954, 547)	Dec. 2, 1955	- <sup>8</sup>	-
Dec. 15	City Clerk, Cambridge	An Act authorizing the city of Cambridge to use certain park land for school purposes (1955, 49)	Dec. 12, 1955	- <sup>1</sup>	-
Dec. 15	City Clerk, Cambridge	An Act authorizing the city of Cambridge to sell for housing purposes certain land acquired for water supply purposes (1955, 302)	Dec. 12, 1955	- <sup>1</sup>	-
Dec. 19	City Clerk, Boston	An Act transferring to the metropolitan district commission the care, control and maintenance of certain portions of Columbia Road in the city of Boston (1955, 570)	Dec. 16, 1955	- <sup>1</sup>	-
Dec. 19	Election Commissioners, Lowell	An Act providing for the nomination of members of the city council and the school committee of Plan E cities by preliminary elections, and providing for their election by ordinary plurality voting (1953, 118)	Nov. 8, 1955	21,498	13,989
Dec. 28	City Clerk, Chicopee	An Act relative to increasing the amounts of pensions, retirement allowances and annuities payable to certain former public employees (1955, 670)	Nov. 29, 1955	- <sup>8</sup>	-
Dec. 28	Assistant Clerk, County Commissioners, Middlesex County	An Act relative to increasing the amounts of pensions, retirement allowances and annuities payable to certain former public employees (1955, 670)	Dec. 20, 1955	- <sup>12</sup>	-
Dec. 30	City Clerk, Boston	An Act concerning certain contracts entered into on behalf of the city of Boston and the county of Suffolk (1955, 60)	Dec. 30, 1955	- <sup>1</sup>	-
1956					
Jan. 3	City Clerk, Pittsfield	An Act relative to increasing the amounts of pensions, retirement allowances and annuities payable to certain former public employees (1955, 670)	Dec. 28, 1955	- <sup>1</sup>	-
Jan. 5	Chairman, County Commissioners, Hampshire County	An Act relative to increasing the amounts of pensions, retirement allowances and annuities payable to certain former public employees (1955, 670)	Jan. 3, 1956	- <sup>6</sup>	-
Jan. 9	City Clerk, Malden	An Act abolishing the board of aldermen and the common council and establishing a city council in the city of Malden (1955, 550)	Nov. 8, 1955	10,700	6,780

# RETURNS RELATIVE TO THE ACCEPTANCE OR REJECTION OF CERTAIN SPECIAL ACTS PASSED BY THE GENERAL COURT—Continued

WHEN RECEIVED	FROM WHOM RECEIVED	TITLE OF ACT	DATE OF ACTION	VOTE	
				Yes	No
1956					
Jan. 9	City Clerk, Malden	An Act relative to the tenure of office of city and town clerks (1950, 388)	Nov. 8, 1955	12,472	4,801
Jan. 10	City Clerk, Springfield	An Act providing for the construction, operation, maintenance and repair of a golf course in the town of Longmeadow, the creation of the Springfield Recreation Authority, and providing for the financing of said project (1955, 722)	Jan. 3, 1956	—	—
Jan. 13	Town Clerk, Arlington	An Act relative to increasing the amounts of pensions, retirement allowances and annuities payable to certain former public employees (1955, 670)	Jan. 9, 1956	—	—
Jan. 16	Town Clerk, Shrewsbury	An Act relative to increasing the amounts of pensions, retirement allowances and annuities payable to certain former public employees (1955, 670)	Jan. 9, 1956	—	—
Jan. 27	City Clerk, Worcester	An Act relative to increasing the amounts of pensions, retirement allowances and annuities payable to certain former public employees (1955, 670)	Jan. 24, 1956	—	—
Jan. 30	City Clerk, Waltham	An Act relative to increasing the amounts of pensions, retirement allowances and annuities payable to certain former public employees (1955, 670)	Jan. 10, 1956	—	—
Feb. 10	Town Clerk, Fairhaven	An Act relative to representative town government by limited town meetings in the town of Fairhaven (1955, 589)	Feb. 6, 1956	2,202	1,135
Feb. 10	Town Clerk, Fairhaven	An Act providing for contributory group life, accident, hospitalization, medical and surgical insurance for persons in the service of a county, city, town or district and their dependents (1955, 760)	Feb. 6, 1956	2,215	1,248
Feb. 10	Town Clerk, Fairhaven	An Act relative to referendum procedure in the town of Fairhaven (1955, 562)	Aug. 11, 1955	133	82
Feb. 13	Town Clerk, Athol	An Act providing for contributory group insurance for persons in the service of a county, city, town or district and their dependents (1955, 760)	Feb. 6, 1956	1,403	1,167
Feb. 13	Town Clerk, Athol	An Act establishing in the town of Athol representative government by limited town meetings (1954, 382)	Feb. 6, 1956	1,715	992
Feb. 14	Town Clerk, Norwood	An Act providing for contributory group insurance for persons in the service of a county, city, town or district and their dependents (1955, 760)	Jan. 16, 1956	2,706	1,081
Feb. 14	City Clerk, New Bedford	An Act authorizing the city of New Bedford to acquire certain real estate in said city for an off-street parking area (1956, 43)	Feb. 13, 1956	—	—
Feb. 17	Assistant Clerk, County Commissioners, Norfolk County	An Act relative to increasing the amounts of pensions, retirement allowances and annuities payable to certain former public employees (1955, 670)	Feb. 14, 1956	—	—
Feb. 17	City Clerk, North Adams	An Act providing for contributory group insurance for persons in the service of a county, city, town or district and their dependents (1955, 760)	Feb. 14, 1956	—	—
Mar. 6	Town Clerk, Fairhaven	An Act relative to increasing the amounts of pensions, retirement allowances and annuities payable to certain former public employees (1955, 670)	Feb. 13, 1956	—	—
Mar. 6	Town Clerk, Concord	An Act providing for contributory group insurance for persons in the service of a county, city, town or district and their dependents (1955, 760)	Feb. 27, 1956	2,002	478
Mar. 9	Town Clerk, Winthrop	An Act providing for contributory group insurance for persons in the service of a county, city, town or district and their dependents (1955, 760)	Mar. 5, 1956	2,895	1,823
Mar. 9	Town Clerk, Winthrop	An Act providing for an increase in the number of members in the reserve police force in the town of Winthrop (1956, 5)	Mar. 5, 1956	3,411	1,390
Mar. 12	Town Clerk, Great Barrington	An Act providing for contributory group insurance for persons in the service of a county, city, town or district and their dependents (1955, 760)	Feb. 27, 1956	890	313
Mar. 12	Town Clerk, Arlington	An Act providing for contributory group insurance for persons in the service of a county, city, town or district and their dependents (1955, 760)	Mar. 5, 1956	5,490	3,869



Mar. 12	Town Clerk, Westwood	An Act providing for contributory group insurance for persons in the service of a county, city, town or district and their dependents (1955, 760)	Mar.	5, 1956	1,661	886
Mar. 14	City Clerk, New Bedford	An Act authorizing the transfer of a certain parcel of Brooklawn Park in the city of New Bedford from the board of park commissioners to the board of trustees of the free public library of said city (1956, 30)	Mar.	13, 1956	-	-
Mar. 14	Town Clerk, Kingston	An Act providing for contributory group insurance for persons in the service of a county, city, town or district and their dependents (1955, 760)	Mar.	10, 1956	744	333
Mar. 19	Town Clerk, Westwood	An Act relative to increasing the amounts of pensions, retirement allowances and annuities payable to certain former public employees (1955, 670)	Mar.	12, 1956	-	-
Mar. 19	Town Clerk, Berlin	An Act relative to increasing the amounts of pensions, retirement allowances and annuities payable to certain former public employees (1955, 670)	Mar.	12, 1956	-	-
Mar. 21	Town Clerk, Athol	An Act relative to increasing the amounts of pensions, retirement allowances and annuities payable to certain former public employees (1955, 670)	Mar.	5, 1956	-	-
Mar. 21	Town Clerk, Milton	An Act relative to increasing the amounts of pensions, retirement allowances and annuities payable to certain former public employees (1955, 670)	Mar.	10, 1956	-	-
Mar. 22	Town Clerk, Maynard	An Act relative to the apportionment of costs of the sewer system in the town of Maynard (1956, 156)	Mar.	13, 1956	-	-
Mar. 22	Town Clerk, Chatham	An Act providing for contributory group insurance for persons in the service of a county, city, town or district and their dependents (1955, 760)	Mar.	8, 1956	576	225
Mar. 22	City Clerk, Melrose	An Act relative to increasing the amounts of pensions, retirement allowances and annuities payable to certain former public employees (1955, 670)	Mar.	21, 1956	-	-
Mar. 23	City Clerk, Northampton	An Act authorizing the city of Northampton to reinstate Ossian E. Brainerd for the sole purpose of being retired and relative to the amount of retirement allowance for said Ossian E. Brainerd (1956, 188)	Mar.	15, 1956	-	-
Mar. 27	Town Clerk, Rockland	An Act relative to increasing the amounts of pensions, retirement allowances and annuities payable to certain former public employees (1955, 670)	Mar.	5, 1956	-	-
Mar. 27	Town Clerk, Rockland	An Act providing for contributory group insurance for persons in the service of a county, city, town or district and their dependents (1955, 760)	Mar.	5, 1956	924	545
Mar. 27	Town Clerk, West Springfield	An Act relative to increasing the amounts of pensions, retirement allowances and annuities payable to certain former public employees (1955, 670)	Mar.	17, 1956	-	-
Mar. 28	Town Clerk, North Andover	An Act providing for contributory group insurance for persons in the service of a county, city, town or district and their dependents (1955, 760)	Mar.	5, 1956	2,123	895
Mar. 30	Town Clerk, North Adams	An Act relative to increasing the amounts of pensions, retirement allowances and annuities payable to certain former public employees (1955, 670)	Mar.	27, 1956	-	-
Mar. 30	Town Clerk, Lincoln	An Act providing for contributory group insurance for persons in the service of a county, city, town or district and their dependents (1955, 760)	Mar.	28, 1956	335	31
Mar. 30	City Clerk, Quincy	An Act providing for contributory group insurance for persons in the service of a county, city, town or district and their dependents (1955, 760)	Mar.	26, 1956	-	-
Apr. 2	Town Clerk, Canton	An Act relative to increasing the amounts of pensions, retirement allowances and annuities payable to certain former public employees (1955, 670)	Mar.	12, 1956	-	-
Apr. 3	City Clerk, Somerville	An Act relative to increasing the amounts of pensions, retirement allowances and annuities payable to certain former public employees (1955, 670)	Mar.	22, 1956	-	-
Apr. 5	Town Clerk, Kingston	An Act relative to increasing the amounts of pensions, retirement allowances and annuities payable to certain former public employees (1955, 670)	Mar.	3, 1956	-	-
Apr. 5	Town Clerk, Weymouth	An Act relative to increasing the amounts of pensions, retirement allowances and annuities payable to certain former public employees (1955, 670)	Mar.	9, 1956	744	333
Apr. 9	Town Clerk, Hamilton	An Act relative to increasing the amounts of pensions, retirement allowances and annuities payable to certain former public employees (1955, 670)	Mar.	5, 1956	-	-
Apr. 11	Town Clerk, Hull	An Act relative to the tenure of office of the present chairman of the board of assessors in the town of Hull (1952, 42)	Mar.	5, 1956	-	-

# RETURNS RELATIVE TO THE ACCEPTANCE OR REJECTION OF CERTAIN SPECIAL ACTS PASSED BY THE GENERAL COURT—Continued

WHEN RECEIVED	FROM WHOM RECEIVED	TITLE OF ACT	DATE OF ACTION	Vote	
				YEs	No
Apr. 11	Town Clerk, Hull	An Act providing for contributory group insurance for persons in the service of a county, city, town or district and their dependents (1955, 760)	Mar. 5, 1956	1,405	712
Apr. 12	City Clerk, Holyoke	An Act relative to annual payments to the city of Holyoke by its board of water commissioners (1956, 199)	Apr. 5, 1956	—	—
Apr. 13	City Clerk, Springfield	An Act authorizing pay-roll deductions on account of union dues in the case of certain state, county or municipal employees (1954, 678)	Apr. 9, 1956	—	—
Apr. 20	City Clerk, Cambridge	An Act placing the offices of veterans' agent and director of veterans' services in the city of Cambridge under the civil service laws (1956, 110)	Apr. 16, 1956	—	—
Apr. 17	Town Clerk, Weymouth	An Act relative to increasing the amounts of pensions, retirement allowances and annuities payable to certain former public employees (1955, 670)	Mar. 9, 1956	—	—
May 2	City Clerk, Westfield	An Act authorizing compensation for overtime service by fire fighters of cities and towns (1955, 195)	Apr. 27, 1956	—	—
May 2	Town Clerk, Norwood	An Act relative to increasing the amounts of pensions, retirement allowances and annuities payable to certain former public employees (1955, 670)	Apr. 12, 1956	—	—
May 7	Town Clerk, Winchester	An Act relative to increasing the amounts of pensions, retirement allowances and annuities payable to certain former public employees (1955, 670)	Mar. 22, 1956	—	—
May 7	Town Clerk, Brookline	An Act relative to increasing the amounts of pensions, retirement allowances and annuities payable to certain former public employees (1955, 670)	Mar. 20, 1956	—	—
May 8	Clerk, First Congregational Society in Salem	An Act authorizing the merger and union of the Second Church in Salem with the First Congregational Society in Salem (1956, 219)	Apr. 30, 1956	—	—
May 8	Clerk, Second Church in Salem	An Act authorizing the merger and union of the Second Church in Salem with the First Congregational Society in Salem (1956, 219)	May 7, 1956	—	—
May 14	Town Clerk, Natick	An Act relative to increasing the amounts of pensions, retirement allowances and annuities payable to certain former public employees (1955, 670)	Mar. 27, 1956	—	—
May 14	City Clerk, New Bedford	An Act relative to the replacement of a board of health of a city by a health department (1946, 268)	May 10, 1956	—	—
May 16	City Clerk, Somerville	An Act authorizing the city of Somerville to resurface certain private ways therein (1956, 253)	May 2, 1956	—	—
May 28	City Clerk, Chelsea	An Act authorizing the city of Chelsea to fund certain indebtedness (1956, 166)	May 7, 1956	—	—
May 28	Town Clerk, Billerica	An Act establishing in the town of Billerica representative town government by limited town meetings (1955, 6)	Mar. 5, 1955	1,950	1,378
June 1	City Clerk, Boston	An Act authorizing the city of Boston to pay an annuity to the parents of Thomas Slattery (1956, 358)	May 29, 1956	—	—
June 8	City Clerk, Revere	An Act placing the incumbent of the office of assistant city planner of the city of Revere under the civil service laws (1956, 347)	June 4, 1956	—	—
June 8	City Clerk, Gloucester	An Act establishing a licensing commission in the city of Gloucester (1956, 343)	May 31, 1956	—	—
June 11	City Clerk, Lawrence	An Act relative to increasing the amounts of pensions, retirement allowances and annuities payable to certain former public employees (1955, 670)	June 6, 1956	—	—
June 11	City Clerk, Lawrence	An Act providing for contributory group life, accident, hospitalization, medical and surgical insurance for persons in the service of a county, city, town or district and their dependents (1955, 760)	June 6, 1956	—	—
June 12	City Clerk, Boston	An Act authorizing the city of Boston to pension Edward P. Connolly (1956, 396)	June 8, 1956	—	—
June 20	City Clerk, Northampton	An Act relative to increasing the amounts of pensions, retirement allowances and annuities payable to certain former public employees (1955, 670)	June 7, 1956	—	—

June 20	City Clerk, Northampton	An Act relative to creditable service in the retirement of certain police officers and firemen in certain cities and towns (1934, 268)	May	3, 1956	— <sup>3</sup>
June 25	Secretary, Universalist Youth Fellowship	An Act enabling American Unitarian Youth and Universalist Youth Fellowship to complete their consolidation (1953, 87)	June	22, 1955	— <sup>14</sup>
June 25	Secretary, American Unitarian Youth	An Act enabling American Unitarian Youth and Universalist Youth Fellowship to complete their consolidation (1955, 87)	June	22, 1955	— <sup>15</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Accepted by the mayor and city council.  
<sup>2</sup>Accepted, affirmative and negative votes not returned.  
<sup>3</sup>Adopted by unanimous vote.  
<sup>4</sup>Accepted by city council.  
<sup>5</sup>Accepted by the mayor and board of aldermen.  
<sup>6</sup>Accepted by the county commissioners of Hampshire County.  
<sup>7</sup>Accepted by the county commissioners of Essex County.  
<sup>8</sup>Accepted by the board of aldermen.  
<sup>9</sup>Accepted by the county commissioners of Plymouth County.  
<sup>10</sup>Accepted by the county commissioners of Bristol County.  
<sup>11</sup>Accepted by the county commissioners of Franklin County.  
<sup>12</sup>Accepted by the county commissioners of Middlesex County.  
<sup>13</sup>Accepted by the county commissioners of Norfolk County.  
<sup>14</sup>Accepted by the Universalist Youth Fellowship.  
<sup>15</sup>Accepted by the American Unitarian Youth.



# RETURNS FROM CITIES AND TOWNS RELATIVE TO ACTION TAKEN UNDER CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE GENERAL LAWS

WHEN RECEIVED	CITY OR TOWN	SUBJECT AND REFERENCE	ACTION	DATE OF ACTION
1955				
July 1	Holyoke .	Repair by cities and towns of private ways, 1953, 386, s. 1 (G. L. 40, s. 6F)	Accepted .	June 13, 1955
Aug. 22	Chicopee .	Assessments for cost of laying water pipes in public or private ways, 1955, 332 (G. L. 40, ss. 42G-42I)	Accepted .	Aug. 15, 1955
Sept. 7	Gloucester	Assessments for cost of laying water pipes in public or private ways, 1955, 332 (G. L. 40, ss. 42G-42I)	Accepted .	Sept. 1, 1955
Oct. 19	Westfield	Vacations for certain municipal employees, G. L. 41, s. 111G	Accepted .	Oct. 6, 1955
Nov. 8	Fall River	Overtime service by police officers of certain cities and towns, 1954, 573 (G. L. 41, s. 111H)	Accepted .	Oct. 28, 1955
Nov. 10	Framingham	Workmen's compensation for laborers, workmen and mechanics, G. L. 152, s. 69, as amended	Accepted .	Nov. 2, 1955
Nov. 10	Framingham	No loss of pay or vacation for certain state and municipal employees in militia, 1954, 590 (G. L. 33, s. 59)	Accepted .	Nov. 21, 1955
Nov. 25	Cambridge	Five day week for police in certain cities and towns, 1951, 346, s. 1 (G. L. 147, s. 16C)	Accepted .	Nov. 2, 1955
Dec. 6	Brockton	Pertaining to building line and height of buildings on parkways, G. L. 45, s. 11	Accepted .	Dec. 1, 1955
Dec. 6	Quincy .	Plan A form of government, G. L. 43, ss. 46-55	Accepted .	Nov. 8, 1955
Dec. 8	Everett .	Compensatory time off to certain police officers in attendance in certain criminal cases, G. L. 262, s. 53C	Accepted .	Nov. 28, 1955
Dec. 8	Northampton	Forty-eight hour week for permanent members of the fire department, 1945, 413, s. 1 (G. L. 48, s. 58B)	Accepted .	Nov. 8, 1955
Dec. 19	Brockton	Plan D form of government (G. L. 43, ss. 79-92)	Accepted .	Nov. 8, 1955
Dec. 23	Chicopee	Vacations for certain municipal employees, 1952, 488 (G. L. 41, s. 111G)	Accepted .	Nov. 29, 1955
1956				
Jan. 3	Quincy .	Creditable service in the retirement of certain police officers and firemen in certain cities and towns, 1954, 268 (G. L. 32, s. 85I)	Accepted .	Dec. 19, 1955
Jan. 3	Pittsfield	Insurance against extraordinary workmen's compensation losses in cities and towns, 1955, 291 (G. L. 40, s. 5 (I) )	Accepted .	Dec. 28, 1955
Feb. 16	East Longmeadow	Establishment of department of public works in towns, authorized 1953, 101 (G. L. 41, ss. 69C-69F)	Accepted .	Feb. 14, 1956
Feb. 23	Brockton	Establishment of commissions to promote business and industry, 1955, 102 (G. L. 40, s. 8A)	Accepted .	Feb. 21, 1956
Feb. 23	New Bedford	Hours of employment of city and town employees further regulated, 1948, 637 (G. L. 149, s. 33A)	Accepted .	Jan. 13, 1956
Mar. 7	Wilmington	Members of the fire department placed within the classified civil service, 1945, 701, s. 6 (G. L. 31, s. 48)	Accepted .	Mar. 3, 1956
Mar. 7	Wilmington	Vacations for police and fire forces in certain cities and towns, 1949, 384 (G. L. 41, s. 111D)	Accepted .	Mar. 3, 1956
Mar. 7	Wellesley	Relating to the labor service of the town under civil service, G. L. 31, s. 47	Rejected .	Mar. 5, 1956
Mar. 9	Westfield	Establishment of commissions to promote business and industry in cities and towns, G. L. 40, s. 8A, as amended	Accepted .	Mar. 6, 1956
Mar. 9	Winthrop	Tenure of office for city and town clerks, 1950, 388 (G. L. 41, s. 19B)	Rejected .	Mar. 5, 1956
Mar. 14	Ware .	Special assessments for laying water pipes in public and private ways, 1955, 332 (G. L. 40, ss. 42G-42I)	Accepted .	Mar. 12, 1956
Mar. 14	Kingston	Civil service for chief of police, G. L. 31, s. 48	Accepted .	Mar. 10, 1956
Mar. 15	Cambridge	Compensatory time off to certain police officers in attendance in certain criminal cases, 1955, 223 (G. L. 262, s. 53C)	Accepted .	Mar. 12, 1956
Mar. 16	Marshfield	Construction and maintenance of sewers and drains, G. L. 83, as amended	Accepted .	Mar. 6, 1956
Mar. 16	Merrimac	Relative to the licensed operation on the Lord's Day of bowling alleys, 1946, 207, s. 3 (G. L. 136, s. 4B)	Accepted .	Mar. 6, 1956
Mar. 16	Seckonk Water District	Contributory retirement system for cities and towns, G. L. 32, ss. 1-28, as amended	Accepted .	Mar. 12, 1956
Mar. 26	Milton .	Special assessments for laying water pipes in public and private ways, 1955, 332 (G. L. 40, ss. 42G-42I)	Accepted .	Mar. 10, 1956
Mar. 26	Milton .	Police officers of certain cities and towns to be given an additional day off duty or an additional day's pay when required to work on certain legal holidays, 1952, 268 (G. L. 147, s. 17A)	Accepted .	Mar. 12, 1956
Mar. 26	Milton .	Fire fighters of certain cities and towns to be given an additional day off duty or an additional day's pay when required to work on certain legal holidays, 1953, 640 (G. L. 48, s. 57A)	Accepted .	Mar. 10, 1956
Mar. 27	West Springfield	Disposition of burnt or dangerous buildings, G. L. 139, ss. 1-3	Accepted .	Mar. 17, 1956
Mar. 27	West Springfield	Uniforms for police and firemen, G. L. 40, s. 6B	Accepted .	Mar. 17, 1956

Mar. 27	West Springfield	Establishment of building lines, G. L. 82, s. 37	Accepted	Mar. 17, 1956
Mar. 27	Deerfield	Building limits in towns, G. L. 143, s. 4	Accepted	Mar. 5, 1956
Mar. 27	Rockland	Uniforms for police and firemen, G. L. 40, s. 6B	Accepted	Mar. 5, 1956
Mar. 27	Rockland	Establishment of commissions to promote business and industry in cities and towns, G. L. 40, s. 8A, as amended	Accepted	Mar. 5, 1956
Mar. 29	Framingham	Subdivision Control Law, 1953, 674 (G. L. 41, ss. 81A-81GG)	Accepted	Mar. 21, 1956
Mar. 29	Kingston	Creating a town forest, G. L. 45, ss. 19-23	Accepted	Mar. 3, 1956
Mar. 29	Framingham	Establishment of commissions to promote business and industry in cities and towns, G. L. 40, s. 8A, as amended	Accepted	Mar. 5, 1956
Apr. 2	Canton	Inspection of buildings, G. L. 143, s. 3	Accepted	Mar. 12, 1956
Apr. 2	Canton	Appointment of inspector of wires, G. L. 166, s. 32	Accepted	Mar. 12, 1956
Apr. 2	Framingham	Creditable service in retirement of certain police officers and firemen, 1954, 268 (G. L. 32, s. 851)	Accepted	Mar. 12, 1956
Apr. 5	Kingston	Establishment of commissions to promote business and industry in cities and towns, G. L. 40, s. 8A, as amended	Accepted	Mar. 14, 1956
Apr. 5	Weymouth	Indemnification of employees of certain cities and towns for damages sustained through the operation of certain municipally owned vehicles, 1949, 128 (G. L. 41, s. 100A)	Accepted	Mar. 3, 1956
Apr. 5	Ware	Uniforms for police and firemen, G. L. 40, s. 6B	Accepted	Mar. 9, 1956
Apr. 6	Marblehead	Additional day off duty or an additional day's pay for police officers of certain cities and towns, when required to work on legal holidays, 1952, 268 (G. L. 147, s. 17A)	Accepted	Apr. 2, 1956
Apr. 9	Chelsea	Licensed operation on the Lord's day of bowling alleys, 1946, 207, s. 3 (G. L. 136, s. 4B)	Accepted	Mar. 12, 1956
Apr. 11	Marblehead	Additional day off duty or an additional day's pay for fire fighters of certain cities and towns, when required to work on legal holidays, 1953, 640 (G. L. 48, s. 57A)	Accepted	Apr. 2, 1956
Apr. 11	Marblehead	One day off in eight for police, G. L. 147, s. 16	Accepted	Mar. 13, 1956
Apr. 16	Shrewsbury	Special assessments for laying water pipes in public and private ways, 1955, 332 (G. L. 40, ss. 42G-42I)	Accepted	Mar. 13, 1956
Apr. 16	Wellesley	No loss of pay or vacation to certain state and municipal employees in militia, organized reserve of the army of the United States or of the United States naval reserve forces, 1939, 425 (G. L. 33, s. 54)	Accepted	Apr. 2, 1956
Apr. 16	Wellesley	Establishment of police departments in certain towns, G. L. 41, s. 97	Accepted	Apr. 3, 1956
Apr. 17	Wellesley	Special assessments for laying water pipes in public and private ways, 1955, 332 (G. L. 40, ss. 42G-42I)	Accepted	Apr. 3, 1956
May 2	Norwood	Special assessments for laying water pipes in public and private ways, 1955, 332 (G. L. 40, ss. 42G-42I)	Accepted	Apr. 26, 1956
May 2	Norwood	Indemnification by cities and towns of certain retired police officers and fire fighters for certain hospital, medical and surgical expenses, 1953, 628, s. 1 (G. L. 41, s. 100B)	Accepted	Apr. 12, 1956
May 7	Brookline	Special assessments for laying water pipes in public and private ways, 1955, 332 (G. L. 40, ss. 42G-42I)	Accepted	Apr. 12, 1956
May 7	Brookline	Indemnification of employees of certain cities and towns for damages sustained through the operation of certain municipally owned vehicles, 1949, 128 (G. L. 41, s. 100A)	Accepted	Mar. 20, 1956
May 7	Brookline	Pay-roll deductions on account of union dues in the case of certain state, county or municipal employees, 1950, 740 (G. L. 180, s. 17A)	Accepted	Mar. 20, 1956
May 29	Lynn	Disposition of burnt or dangerous buildings, G. L. 139, ss. 1-3	Accepted	Mar. 20, 1956
May 31	Somerville	Respected filing of petitions for reconsideration of matters relative to variances presented to the Board of Appeals pertaining to zoning, 1954, 368, s. 2 (G. L. 40A, s. 20)	Accepted	Apr. 24, 1956
June 19	Gloucester	Increase in allowances of former municipal employees retired on account of accidental disability, 1943, 452, s. 1 (G. L. 32, s. 90A)	Accepted	June 5, 1956
June 19	Stoneham	Special assessments for laying water pipes in public and private ways, 1955, 332 (G. L. 40, ss. 42G-42I)	Accepted	June 14, 1956
June 19	Stoneham		Accepted	Apr. 2, 1956

